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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN PRODUCTION OF CRUDE PETROLEUM IN FIRST QUARTER,
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1. MINISTRY OF ENERGY OFFICIAL HAS SUPPLIED FIRST
QUARTER PRODUCTION FIGURES TO LOCAL JOURNALIST. FIGURES,
IN METRIC TONS AND INCLUDING CONDENSATE, ARE 4,365,886
FOR JANUARY; 3,903,095 FOR FEBRUARY; AND 4,327,169
FOR MARCH.

2. CONDENSATE PRODUCTION IS RUNNING ABOUT 2.2 MILLION
PER YEAR, SO APPROXIMATELY 183,000 SHOULD BE SUBTRACTED
FROM EACH OF THE ABOVE TO GET ESTIMATE OF CRUDE NOT
INCLUDING CONDENSATE.

3. USING CONVERSION FACTOR USED BY PETROLEUM ECONOMIST
(PE) FOR ALGERIAN CRUDE (7.661 BARRELS PER TON), FOR
WE CONVERT FIGURES IN PARA ONE TO 33.4, 29.9 AND
33.2 MILLION BARRELS, MAY ISSUE OF PE SHOWS 34.1 AND
30.8 FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY - SLIGHTLY ABOVE OUR
CALCULATION. (PE'S 1976 FIGURE FOR CRUDE AND
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CONDENSATE, ON THE OTHER HAND, CORRESPONDS EXACTLY
TO THE OFFICIAL 50.1 MILLION TONS, CONVERTED AT 7.661.)

4. COMMENT: THERE IS STILL NO ABSOLUTELY AUTHORITATIVE
AND UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED SOURCE OF PUBLISHED DATA ON
ALGERIAN CRUDE PRODUCTION. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
THE PE AND OFFICIAL FIGURES DO NOT SEEM EXCESSIVE,

HOWEVER, AND THE PE REMAINS PERHAPS THE BEST SOURCE.LYNE

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